

Upcoming Events

MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY

Freedom Life is making Mother's Day special for adoptive and foster care moms in our local communities by honoring women who are compassionately and selflessly raising children in need of care and a home. On Saturday, May 2nd from 9am until 1pm, Freedom Life and its partners will offer breakout sessions, a panel discussion, haircuts and giveaways in a fun environment at Bald Eagle Middle/High School. One of the highlights will be a grand prize drawing for one month of paid bills, up to \$1 200! Freedom Life teams will also organize registration, childcare and lunch for all participants. To pre-register, visit www.freedomlife.tv/make-a-mothers-day-centre-county# or call 814-355-4947 or email centreco@freedomlife.tv.

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MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH



May is National Foster Care Month. It is a time to honor and give thanks to foster families for the challenging and rewarding

work that they do. It is also a time to raise awareness, both locally and nationally, regarding the needs and concerns of foster children and their foster families. In response to this issue, hundreds of communities across the country are holding events directed at the recruitment, training, and retention of critically needed foster parents.

Centre County Children and Youth Services will be holding the eleventh annual *Change a Lifetime* Event on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 12:15 PM, on the steps of the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte. This event will be used to thank our local foster parents and to raise public awareness regarding the number of children currently in foster care in Centre County. This year's event is being sponsored by Centre County Children and Youth Services, Family Intervention Crisis Services, and the Youth Service Bureau. Judges, Commissioners, agency staff, as well as other guests will be attending this event. Please join us for a light lunch immediately following the event at the Bellefonte Youth Center, located at 114 North Spring Street in Bellefonte. We hope you will join us at this event. In order for us to plan accordingly, if you plan on attending, please RSVP by Friday, May 1, 2015 to Jordan Joyce at 814-355-3807, ext. 216 or by email at fhrecruiter@fics1988.com.

During the month of May, Centre County Children and Youth Services will also be honoring their foster parents by holding the Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet on Monday, May 18, 2015.

[Please help us make a difference in the lives of children and help to celebrate National Foster Care Month.](#)

Summer Preservice Training

The next preservice training classes for new foster parents, kinship care givers, and new staff will begin in June 2015. These are informal and relaxed sessions, during which we will talk about the structure of the agency, legal procedures, our reunification program, separation and grieving issues, potential impacts on the foster family, and effects of placement on the foster child and biological family.

*Please contact Centre County Children and Youth Services for further information regarding our preservice training classes:
814-355-6755.



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